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COLUMNAmerican Boxing Association's
Efforts to Regulate Fights
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This is the American Boxing Association's.

"The American Boxing Association? Why—er—why, it's the American Boxing Association."

"Was Charley Harvey who gave this illuminating answer to the question at the offices of the Boxing Commission at an unofficial talk following its regular meeting yesterday."

It seems that the commission had just read of how this American Boxing Association at its meeting in Chicago had taken it upon itself to put certain boxers in certain classes, whether or not the boxers liked it. For instance:

"It was the sense of the promoters' meeting that Ritchie, with Kid Graves, Mike O'Dowd, Soldier Bartlett, Packey McFarland, Jack Britton and Ted Lewis be classed as welterweights. In the cases of Ritchie, Britton and Lewis the promoters voted that these men will have to back up any claims they might make as to their still being lightweight by meeting all comers at the accepted weight in the class."

"In the middleweight class the promoters selected Young Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Jeff Smith, George Chip, Jimmy Clabby and Eddie McGoorty."

"In the new flyweight division Frankie Izzo, Artie Armstrong and Jimmy Pappas were picked as the three likeliest lads."

"Jack Dillon was accorded the crown among the light heavies."

"The featherweight question was allowed to rest until after Johnny Kilbane squares himself with the Wisconsin Boxing Commission."

"You will probably notice, as Chairman Wenck did, that the Western promoters of fast law and regulation omitted the 'middleweight' champion, Al McCoy, despite the fact that he knocked out Chip. Neither did they mention Les Darcey, the Australian sensation, who recently knocked Eddie McGoorty cold. It would be letting them down lightly to say that perhaps the omissions were due to an oversight, but the association, apparently composed of wise dictators on things pugilistic, shouldn't allow themselves to be charged with such important breaks."

GENERALLY viewed, the American Boxing Association plan was conceded to contain the germ of a good idea, which might be developed along lines laid down by the parent Boxing Commission, that of New York State. It will doubtless be taken up in the near future along with other details looking toward a uniformity of everything pertaining to the sport of boxing. The main idea of the New York commission is to get "big men" interested and have a confab along the lines of the baseball league meetings which are held annually.

ANOTHER subject discussed, unofficially of course, by those present was the status of boxers suspended by Western commissions and their status here. It was pointed out that the local commission has wonderful powers and might bar any boxers who had offended sufficiently to be suspended elsewhere. Still, as in the case of Johnny Kilbane, suspended in Wisconsin, the commission has heard nothing official from the Western body. Kilbane might be able to explain himself out of any wrongdoing if called upon, and in view of that the New York commission could not in fairness prevent his earning money with his fists in local arenas.

At this stage one was butted in with the remark that a burglar was a burglar, whether in Wisconsin, New York or any place else.

WILLIE RITCHIE'S styling himself American lightweight champion and getting money on the strength of it, when he confesses he is a welterweight, also brought out some lively chatter. Some of those present thought Ritchie should be told to drop the title, inasmuch as he can't defend it at weight. The prevailing opinion, however, and unofficial, remember, was that it might be hard to convince the public that Ritchie wasn't entitled to his claims. In short, it was agreed that if Ritchie is clever enough to have himself recognized as the "American lightweight champion" and get away with it, why, let him do it.

NATE LEWIS is bombarding us with arguments backing up his claim that Charley White of Chicago should get first crack at Freddy Welsh over a distance. He winds up one of his recent letters with the statement that all that stands in the way of a match is Welsh's respect for White's perfect punch, that good left hook.

BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK
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It looks as if they can't make a billiard game too hard for Willie Hoppe. Last night, at the New York Theatre Concert Hall, the champion defeated Koji Yamada by a score of 500 to 168 in the opening game of the 182 balk-line handicap tournament. The Jap had a handicap of 125 points and had gathered forty-three caroms when Hoppe ran out his string of 500 in the sixth inning. Hoppe made an average of 83.2-6. The record is 100, held by George Sutton, who is also an entrant in this tournament.

In his first turn at the table Hoppe scored 132 before missing a rather difficult draw. He followed with a run of 23, which put Yamada out of the running. The ivories didn't act well for the champion again until the sixth, when he finished the game with a cluster of 59. The score:

Yamada (125)—5, 14, 1, 20, 3, 0. Total 168.
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Middies in American Healer
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 16.—The Naval Academy will send a crew to Philadelphia next May to compete in the American Henley.

A. A. U. Delegates Decide
To Hear New Evidence
In Kiviat-Smith Case

Disqualified Athletes Given Another Chance by National Body—
George J. Turner Elected President Over Pawling—Middies
and Cadets Do Not Need Registration Cards to Compete
in Open Events.

THOSE high winds around the Waldorf yesterday were caused by delegates attending the Amateur Athletic Union's annual meeting. The delegates, after free speaking for about seven hours, finally got down to brass tacks and elected officers, granted the appeal of Kiviat and Smith, the two star runners found guilty of demanding excessive money for a new trial, granted permission to naval and military cadets to compete in open events without cards, and attended to other matters. The meeting wound up well into the night when the delegates ran out of fuel power.

The election resulted in George J. Turner of Baltimore being made President of the Amateur Athletic Union for a term of two years. There were two candidates for the office, Turner and George F. Pawling, who is a perennial seeker of A. A. U. positions. Turner received 13 votes, Pawling 13. S. A. Simonds was considered a strong candidate, but the A. A. U. political machine is grooming the Los Angeles representative for the 1917 election. S. A. Simonds of the Southern Pacific Association was elected First Vice President with 27 votes; J. T. Taylor, Middle Atlantic, Second Vice President, 25 votes; Dr. Plummer, Mountaineer, Third Vice President, 22 votes; G. K. Herman, Central Association, 18 votes. Fredrick W. Rubien was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. A new Board of Trustees—Weeks, Rubien and Babb—were also elected.

NEW PRESIDENT IS FORMER CHAMPION OARSMAN.

George J. Turner, the new leader of the Athletic Union, has been interested in sports since he was old enough to tell a baseball from a croquet ball. Born in Baltimore in 1873, Mr. Turner was educated in Mount St. Mary's College, where he took an active interest in all games. After graduating the future amateur union head joined the Ariel Rowing Club, won many races on the water, including the national four-oared championship. Later Mr. Turner became a member of the Baltimore Athletic Club. He coached the club's famous eight-oared crew that was never defeated. Mr. Turner joined the Maryland Fifth Regiment and served in the Spanish-American war. After being mustered out of service he renewed his A. A. U. affiliations and held numerous offices.

The delegates, after electing their officers, made considerable headway in tackling the celebrated Kiviat-Smith case. These two star runners, through counsel, had appeared from the verdict of the Metropolitan Board of Managers which declared them ineligible to compete any longer as amateurs because they asked excessive money to run in a race up State in September. The delegates decided to grant the runners a new hearing and appointed President Turner, Babb and Kirby a committee of three to review and hear all new evidence.

Kiviat and Smith under this ruling will be allowed to submit any new testimony they may have and their lawyers declare they will be able to produce new affidavits that should produce the two runners of the professional charges. Kiviat and Smith have ten days in which to arrange their case.

The election of officers and the final disposition of the Kiviat-Smith case were the important features of the meeting. Toward evening the delegates began taking up routine business. It was decided to send a committee to the meeting of the Inter-collegiate Amateur Athletic Association, which will hold a session at Astor, Dec. 27, for the purpose of framing an adequate rule for amateur competition.

AMATEUR BOXERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE TAPE.

The delegates also passed a new rule allowing amateur boxers to wear tape on their hands over light bandages, the thickness to be determined by the referee.

Permitting the cadets and midshipmen to compete in amateur meets without being registered amateurs, marks the first time in the history of the union that permission is granted for an unregistered athlete to match his strength or skill against the registered boys.

The secretary's annual report, showing a flourishing condition of the union's affairs, was approved and the contributions were received for the James E. Sullivan Memorial Fund.

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Ertle Too Fast
For Solzberg

Johnny Ertle, who claims the bantamweight title by virtue of a victory over Kid Williams by a foul, handed out a real artistic trimming to Young Solzberg at the Cleburn A. C. in Brooklyn last night. Solzberg never saw as many gloves as he did last night.

After the opening round Ertle had no trouble reaching the Brooklynite with his fast, snappy left. Solzberg showed flashes at times by trying to swap punches with the boy from the West, but he always got the worst of the mix-up.

In the semi-final of ten rounds Young Driscoll won from Solly Wood. It was a fast bout all the way, and Wood deserves honorable mention for his willingness to mix.

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Levinaky Won From Cowler.

Battling Levinaky and Tom Cowler battled ten rounds before a record crowd at the Olympia A. C. last night. Levinaky won on points. Cowler did well in the first three rounds.

COLUMBIA FULLBACK OUT FOR THE SEASON.

Columbia's football prospects received a serious setback yesterday in an injury to Littauer, the fullback, whose right knee was so badly injured in practice that he may be unable to play out the rest of the season. The accident was a particularly hard blow to Littauer, as it was the first of the season. The regulars since an injury to the same knee in the Stevens game on Election Day.

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Plan to Abandon Games
Before Regular Opening
Discussed by Club Owners

It Is Pointed Out That Ante-Season Contests Rob Official Beginning of Much of Its Glamour—Yanks Are Already Overloaded With Young Players and Ten Must "Walk the Plank."

By Bozeman Bulger.

In the private councils of the big league baseball magnates held within the last few days the question of abandoning all exhibition games before the opening of the regular season has arisen, and, despite some objections, it would not be surprising if both organizations went back to the old system.

It is claimed by advocates of the new plan, or rather the very old plan, that exhibition games between big league clubs early in the season take all the interest out of the official opening day and in that way have killed off a big slice of the receipts.

"It is also a question openly discussed," said Capt. Huston yesterday, "whether the teams should play any exhibition games at all on the way North from the spring training camps. Some of the owners, more versed in baseball matters than I, think it is the better plan to have all of the clubs jump right from the training grounds into opening of the season. It is their contention that injuries to players offset what little money could be taken in at the gates in minor league towns."

OWNERS CONSIDERING ABANDONING EARLY GAMES.

"The other magnates, and my newspaper writers are more familiar with how these things work than are Col. Ruppert and myself, and I don't feel qualified to discuss the advisability of the big thing of the year. I have more experience. I don't mind telling you, though, that all of the owners are discussing the matter freely, and something may come of it."

In the days when ante-season games were unknown and the opening was the big thing of the year, the fans got to see the players for the first time and there was a lot of hurrah about it. Nowadays the fans have seen the players so frequently in exhibition games that there is no novelty in an opening. The change certainly would not be frowned on by the public.

"We have made our plans to go South March 15," said Capt. Huston, "and at March we will find an excellent training place. I find, though, that we overplayed our hand a little in buying new ball players, and we have so many under contract now that we'll have to get rid of at least ten of them before spring. We can only carry thirty-five men, I believe, and there are more than fifty on our books."

"What is this about Fritz Mausel playing the outfield?" I asked.

"Might be a good move," he replied. "Fritz would like to play out there and he has had experience. We certainly need a player like Mausel in the line-up, and if we don't find a better outfielder Bill Donovan may make the switch. He's thinking about it. If he does make an outfielder out of Fritz he will put Reddy Haumann at third. You may not know it, but the figures show that Haumann outlast any man on our club and plays this year, but we are going to build a fine plant. Make no mistake about that."

"What about the location of the new ballpark?"

"We are going to be able to make an announcement within a few days," he said, "and I think everybody will be satisfied. It may be necessary for us to play at the Polo Grounds the greater part of next year, but we are going to build a fine plant. Make no mistake about that."

"Will the Federal League invasion of Manhattan affect you in any way?" I asked.

"Not at all," he answered. "There is a doubt in my mind as to whether they build on Manhattan at all, but if they do, it won't affect organized baseball. Their proposed cutting of prices, I believe, will help us rather than hurt. You know, the building

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ABEL KIVIAT

Federals Will Have Park Located in Manhattan, Is Latest From Gilmore

Franchise of Kansas City Club Will Be Transferred Here and New York Will Have Strong Team, He Says.

The Hague Tribunal would have a fat chance arbitrating the well known baseball war now. Col. Jim Gilmore, the fighting Fed, apparently pulled all the tail feathers out of the justly famous peace dove to-day with a flat-footed announcement that the Kansas City Fed franchise, transferred to New York, means just what it says—that the Feds positively and absolutely will have a team and a park in Manhattan next summer.

"There are one or two details to be arranged," said Gilmore, "and they will be arranged with all speed. In a week or so we will make a detailed announcement of our plans. But say this positively: The Federal League will be represented in New York by a strong team, and the grounds will be located centrally right here on Manhattan Island."

Real estate men are taking Gilmore at his word.

"They're besieging me with choice plots," he said.

Incidentally, Gilmore cleared up the mystery of his joint to French Lick with Weeghman.

"Our wives happened to be at French Lick," he said. "That's all. There was no conference with the O. B. moguls. We're satisfied with things as they are."

Jack Curley, who promoted the Johnson-Willard fight, is ready to stage a championship fight for a \$15,000 purse, and seems to favor Joe Aske as an opponent for Webb. Scotti Monteth will guarantee the champion \$12,000 if he'll take a Dundee for twenty rounds in New Haven on Jan. 1 next.

Harry Stone, the local lightweight, has been called to meet Johnny Dennis, the New Orleans lightweight, in a twenty round bout on Dec. 3 at the club which will be conducted by Dominick Torricelli and Tommy Burns in New Orleans. If Stone beats Dennis he will get on bouts with Becker.

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Fistic News and Gossip
By John Pollock

The weekly meeting of the Boxing Commission would have been a very dull affair had it not been for the appearance of John Reider. John threw a \$1,000 bill on Commissioner Wenck's desk as though it were waste paper. He wanted to satisfy the Commission that he had sufficient money to guarantee the boxers at a show he is pulling off this week. Commissioner Wenck told him to hold the money until the day before the bouts, when he will have to put up the entire sum that he is to pay the boxers. John also asked the Commission what it considered a feature bout, and after some discussion it was decided that the bout that was costing him the most money was the top-notch event and that he would have to stage it at 10 P. M. sharp.

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Hunts Point—Sam Probert, 236, 232, 209; Eddie Barr, 216, 214, 209; J. Pais, 236, 230, 195; Harry Breitenfeld, 248, 220, 214, and H. Levy, 224, 240, 236.

Eureka—Debaum Grundy, 239, 237; William Blackburn, 228, 212, and Fred Haynes, 212.

Crotona—Ernie Miller, 239, 229, 236, and "Doc" Brown, 229, 224, 217, and Fred Row, 236—Ernie Hauschild, 236, and Eddie Menassee, 214.

There is a rumor around the alleys that some of the World bowlers are not eligible. Matters of this kind should be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at once.

Van Ellis and McNair are racing neck and neck for the lead in the eliminations at the Metropolitan Academy.

Matty Made Low Score.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—The team of trap shooters composed of ball players were defeated yesterday by a picked team of this city by a score of 411 to 391. "Chief" Bender was high gun on the ball players' team with 87. Mathewson was low with 55.

LEAGUE SCORES.

Eric Railroad—Constructors, 733, 693, 807, vs. Mechanical, 509, 763, 738.

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